



Washington State Health Care Authority  
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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS - HRSA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

**Newer Antihistamines (formerly Non Sedating Antihistamines)**

loratadine OTC \*  
Clarinet ® syrup \*\*

- \* Generic formulations only.
- \*\* Subject to expedited prior authorization for children ages 6 months to 2 years for HRSA and UMP.
- \*\* Clarinet ® syrup is not covered by L&I.

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure.

All agencies will implement the Newer Antihistamines class on January 1, 2007.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (360) 923-2736 or by email at [pdp@hca.wa.gov](mailto:pdp@hca.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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